

GO FORTH AND MITIGATE

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Introduction

Welcome to the first edition of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) Mitigation Newsletter. Our goal in creating this newsletter is to keep you informed and updated on mitigation activities and share important information with you, our partners. GOHSEP is dedicated to supporting and assisting you in any way possible. If you have any suggestions that you believe others may benefit from please let us know.

Important Dates

July - September 2006	Parish Hazard Mitigation Visits
August 29, 2006	HMGP DR-LA 1603 Application Due
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August 29, 2006	Planning Pilot Grant Application Due



Catahoula Parish Director Debra Renda and GOHSEP Staff (Kim Singleton, Tanesha Miles & Tenesha Wilson).

Sixty-four Parish Technical Assistance Visits

In July 2006 GOHSEP began visiting sixty-four parishes across the state. These visits consist of GOHSEP staff traveling throughout Louisiana's parishes to inform potential sub-applicants and government officials about the HMGP application process, the new pilot planning program and products for Governor Blanco and the Louisiana Recovery Authority's housing program, *The Road Home*.

The Road Home is an initiative created to specifically address the issues facing homeowners affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and subsequently, aid their efforts to rebuild, repair or sell their damaged homes.

As a part of the Technical Assistance Visits, GOHSEP will engage in a three-part briefing on *The Road Home*. The first part of the briefing will discuss the application process for HMGP. The second part will discuss an overview of *The Road Home*. The third part of the briefing will discuss the role HMGP plays as a part of *The Road Home*.

SHMO Spotlight:

"Hurricanes Katrina and Rita have provided the State of Louisiana with a mitigation opportunity that no other state has been afforded in the history of our country. I challenge you to take advantage of this unique opportunity and support our state's mitigation efforts."

~ Shane Rauh, SHMO

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"You may be disappointed if you fail, but you are doomed if you don't try." ~ Beverly Sills